REMARKS

Claims 60-71 are pending in this application. No claim amendments are made in this paper, and thus, no new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable for the following reasons.

A. Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 60-71 are rejected under statutory double patenting over claims 61-63 and 67-75 of co-pending application no. 10/806,423 ("the '423 application"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Without addressing the substance of the rejection, Applicants respectfully point out that none of the claims referred to in the Office Action are currently pending in the '423 application because all of those claims were canceled further to a restriction requirement. Applicants attach hereto, as Exhibit A, a copy of a response dated June 13, 2008, submitted in the '423 application, which shows that the claims referred to in the Office Action were canceled.

Consequently, as claims 61-63 and 67-75 are no longer pending in the '423 application, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn as moot.

B. Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, claims 63-71 are rejected under judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 12, and 61-68 of co-pending application no. 11/091,518 ("the '518 application). Applicants respectfully disagree because claims 1, 12, and 61-68 of the '518 application recite limitations that would render those claims patentably distinct from the claims pending in this application. Nevertheless, without acquiescing to this rejection, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer over the '518 application to expedite the prosecution of this application. In view of the terminal disclaimer, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

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C. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and thus, request that their rejections be withdrawn and the present application be deemed allowable.

No fee is believed due for the submission of this paper. However, if any fees are due for the submission of this paper or to avoid abandonment of this application, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

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